

BRAINSTORMS

With Fern Cox

The dry, hot weather Alabama has been blessed with this summer has long passed the point of being funny. This is serious business. Farmers are watching helplessly as their crops dry up, electric generating plants are needing to produce more power but the shortage of water is causing them problems at their hydro plants. Also the extreme heat is causing overheating at their other generating facilities. Even the nuclear plants are suffering from the heat. Then on Saturday our internet went down, reportedly because an air conditioner overheated and failed, causing a bunch of servers to crash. There will be more crashing when residents start getting their utility bills for the period of all this record setting triple digit heat.

It is a sure indication of citizens getting desperate for relief when Elba folks are heard wishing a hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico would come this way! Usually after a few seconds of reflection, they modify their comments and just wish for the rain, not the whole accompanying windstorm.

We guess it is good when the government officially declares the state or county a drought disaster area. It means farmers can borrow low interest money . . . those farmers who can't get money anywhere else. If you have good credit, have paid some, or all, of your bills, this deal is not for you. However don't get too weepy for those who are not eligible for the low interest loans, just think about the local people who took advantage of the disaster loans after the Elba floods. Many of them will tell you today that they would never mess with the fed's so called bargains again. Some got out from under those loans as soon as they could, others are still fighting the battles on a month to month basis.

In recent years it has become all too frequent for hungry people to find it hard to locate a place to eat in Elba if the hours were a bit odd or surely if it was a holiday. That may be getting better in the coming months if just half of the rumors of what is planned for the community becomes reality. Right now strong rumors of three new eating facilities are floating around town.

The public schools are apparently off to a good start this year. There have been no major automobile accidents relating to the schools nor have we heard of anything but the routine "first day" problems . . . actually you could call them glitches or just minor hiccups.

For several days now we have been hearing rumors that Governor Riley is feeling out legislators about the possibility of a special legislative session sometime this fall. Right now we think his main concern is getting them back in session without a repeat of the political lockdown which ate up most of the regular session earlier this year. It is possible. The reason is that a special session is usually a very limited subject affair and that eliminates much of the behind the scenes bickering which can destroy a regular session. However, on second thought nothing may work right now with the governor pushing his new rules on "double dipping".

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, August 6, 2007, investigated the following incidents: five for domestic violence, one for criminal mischief, two for harassment, six for burglary, one for a cat bite, one for rape, one for a private property accident, one for trespassing, one for criminal trespassing, one for assault, one for menacing and one for theft of property.

The following arrests were made: one for domestic violence and two for criminal trespassing.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for no insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, AUGUST 13 - Domestic disturbance reported at Burch's Trailer Court (3:00 a.m.); Burglary reported at 331 Dunham Ave. (3:19 p.m.).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 33875 Hwy. 87 (2:40 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 33814 Hwy. 87 (4:40 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported on Herman Driggers Dr. (6:34 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 901 Smith Ave. (8:33 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 - Prowler reported at 631 Jackson St. (2:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1595 County Rd. 437 (6:43 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2851 Marilyn St. (8:53 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported

at 732 Lee St. (1:41 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1471 County Rd. 404 (5:26 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1223 Neil Grantham Dr. (8:35 p.m.).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16 - Two-vehicle wreck reported in the parking lot of OK Tire Store (1:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 410 (3:00 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the county landfill on Hwy. 125 (3:12 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Zion Chapel ball field (7:57 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson Ave. (8:51 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 5775 Hwy. 125 (9:29 p.m.).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 618 Mullins Circle (1:50 a.m.); Wreck reported on Davis St. near the old post office (9:39 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1225 Martin Luther King Dr. (2:26 p.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported at 624 Lee St. (3:15 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18 - Burglary reported at 739 N. Claxton Ave. (12:12 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 19942 Hwy. 167 (6:32 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jones St. (11:48 p.m.); Burglary reported at 402 E. Davis St. (11:57 p.m.).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19 - Burglary reported at Burch's

EDITORIAL

Celebrating 50 years of business

Elba Rotary Club members hear presentation on Kelley Foods of Alabama

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Everett Kelley served as guest speaker of a recent Elba Rotary Club meeting, and he utilized his time to reflect on 50 years of business for Kelley Foods of Alabama.

As Kelley took the Rotary club members on a journey of Kelley Foods, he said the business was founded on the advantage of a close-knit family, and that continues to be a strong part of the company today. He also noted that Kelley Foods has always been blessed with an excellent team of committed employees.

The Kelley family first ventured into the food industry in 1957 as a meat processing facility making products such as hams and smoked sausages after purchasing Windham Packing Company.

Kelley said a fire that destroyed the plant in the early 1960s nearly put an end to Kelley Foods before it got started. However, he said he and his brothers needed a job so they decided to rebuild, and the company reopened in February of 1963.

In 1989, Kelley said the company changed its name from the Elba Packing Company to Kelley Foods of Alabama.

Through the years, Kelley Foods has transformed from a small meat processing facility back in 1957 into a multi-million dollar manufacturer and broad-line foodservice distributor in the southeast in 2007. Some of the quality manufac-

tured meat products found in retail accounts today include(s): smoked sausage, ham, turkey, bacon, luncheon meats, dinner dogs, etc.

According to Kelley, the company employed approximately 10 (full-time) people in 1958 as compared to approximately 170 full-time employees in 2006. Also, he said sales in 1958 were about \$263,000 as compared to approximately \$65 million in 2006.

Kelley said the goal for sales in 2010 is reach \$100 million.

"When the company burned, I never in my wildest dreams imagined our company would be what it is today," said Kelley.

Kelley Foods of Alabama today sales over 5,500 items within 26 different categories from meat, seafood and produce to desserts, paper and supplies. Kelley's initial customer base included mainly c-store and grocery store accounts, but over the years the company has added restaurants, healthcare facilities, schools, delis, day cares, churches, country clubs and other foodservice establishments to their customer base.

The distribution area expands out over 150 miles from Elba including central and south Alabama, the Florida Panhandle and southwest Georgia.

At the conclusion of Mr. Kelley's presentation during the club meeting, several Rotary



Everett Kelley (center) served as guest speaker during a recent Elba Rotary Club meeting. Rotarian Kaye Whitworth (left) asked Kelley to speak at the meeting to discuss 50 years of business for Kelley Foods of Alabama and the success the company has experienced. Also pictured above is Rotary Club president Keith Reagle.

members extended thanks to the for always being very involved company and the Kelley family in the community.

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LIFESTYLES

Time to register for Girl Scouts Troop

Girl Scouts of South Central Alabama, Inc. is currently holding registration evenings at many of the local schools including Pinedale Elementary, Rucker Boulevard Elementary and Elba Elementary. Flyers will be sent home with girls informing all of what day and time registration will be held.

Girl Scouts of South Central Alabama, Inc. is also looking for adult volunteers from all backgrounds to work with girls.

Anyone interested in joining Girl Scouts or volunteering can call (334) 347-1965.



Christopher Cox

Christopher Cox is four years old

Christopher Heath Cox Jr. celebrated his fourth birthday (Aug. 15) with a "Batman" party Saturday, Aug. 11, at his home in Opelika, Ala.

Several family members and friends were present to help the birthday boy celebrate his big day. A special guest in attendance for the party was Christopher's great-grandmother, Vivian Randolph.

Christopher is the son of Chris and Penny Cox of Opelika. His grandparents are Fern and Hedy Cox of Elba, Alabama, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Randolph of Anniston, Ala. and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Randolph of North Huntingdon, Pa.



Miss Sarah Elizabeth McGehee

McGehee - Culpepper wedding planned for November 10th

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson McGehee of Birmingham announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, to Robert Franklin Culpepper, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Franklin Culpepper, Jr. of Pleasant Hill, Alabama.

The wedding is planned for November 10, 2007 at Saint Mary's - on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

Miss McGehee is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Vaughan, Jr. of Elba, Alabama, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Slaughter McGehee of Montevallo, Alabama. She is a graduate of Mountain Brook High School.

She attended Rhodes College and is a graduate of Auburn University. Miss McGehee was presented at the Beaux Arts Krewe Ball and the Ball of Roses. She is employed in Birmingham, Alabama.

Mr. Culpepper is the grandson of Mr. Robert Franklin Culpepper, Sr. and the late Mrs. Culpepper of Pleasant Hill, Alabama, and Mrs. Lester Aubrey Smith, Sr. and the late Mr. Smith of Selma, Alabama. He is a graduate of John T. Morgan Academy and Auburn University. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Mr. Culpepper is employed in Selma, Alabama.

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Chancellor-Acierno wedding held on June 10th in Austin Texas

Michele Ann Acierno and Chad Chancellor, of Killen, Texas, were united in marriage June 10, 2007, in a double ring ceremony at Chapel Dulcinea in Austin, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Greta Acierno of Killen, Texas. The groom is the son of Miki Chancellor of Troy, Ala. and the late Gil Chancellor. Chad's daughter, Whitney, is a sophomore at Enterprise High School.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and the wedding party consisted of the bride's sister, April Niswonger, her niece, Sydnee Niswonger, the groom's daughter, Whitney Chancellor, and the groom's mother, Miki Chancellor.

Immediately following the ceremony, all guests were treated to a dinner served at Ruby Ranch Celebrations in Austin Hill Country.

The bride is an elementary school teacher. The groom was recently attached to the 4th Infantry Division Air Assault Unit as a Blackhawk helicopter pilot.

Chad and Michele will reside in Enterprise where Chad will be a Blackhawk instructor pilot.

Miss Lyndsay Lawford and Mr. Joshua Elliot to be united in holy matrimony on October 6th

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lawford of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lyndsay Kathryn to Joshua Seth Elliott, son of Perry and Brenda Elliott of Enterprise.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Dorothy Taylor and the late John B. Taylor, Sr. of Enterprise and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lawford of Elba.

Lyndsay is a 2005 graduate of Elba High School and a 2007 graduate of Auburn University where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise Science.

The future groom is the grandson of June Tucker and the late Jimmy Tucker of Niceville, Florida and Seth and Louise Elliott of Enterprise, Alabama; the great grandson of Daniel McNew of Melbourne, Fla.

Josh is a 2003 graduate of Enterprise High School and a 2007 graduate of Auburn University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agronomy and Soils. He is employed with the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

The wedding will be held on October 6, 2007 at Ino Baptist Church in Kinston, Alabama at 4:00 p.m. A reception will follow at Lake Lorene in Elba, Alabama. No local invitations will be mailed but all family and friends are invited to come and share in this joyous occasion.



Miss Lawford & Mr. Elliott

LBWCC to offer Ballroom Swing Class

LBW Community College will offer a six week Ballroom Swing Class, taught by Amy Henderson, on Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Classes begin Thursday, August 30, 2007 in the Jeff Bishop Student Center on the Andalusia Campus.

This fun class for beginners will cover a classic swing step, some advanced swing moves, and the Charleston. Students will learn dance floor etiquette, partnering skills, pairing music and mood with moves, and how to apply swing to a variety of different music styles. No partner is required!

The cost of the course is \$50.00. Those interested in having fun while learning a few new steps should register before Wednesday, August 29, 2007. For more information or to register contact Jan Riley in the Andalusia Campus Admissions Office at (334) 222-2281.



Miss Roberts & Mr. Williams

Miss Roberts and Mr. Williams announce September wedding plans

Gary Roberts of Opp and Debbie Roberts of Andalusia announce the engagement of their daughter, Nina Roberts to Chad Williams, son of Danny Williams of Elba and Judy Key of North Carolina.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herman Roberts and Richard Foster and Charlotte Marsh of Opp.

She is a 2007 graduate of Opp High School. She is currently attending LBWCC/Troy University to receive her bachelor degree

in education. She is currently employed by the City of Opp.

The prospective groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Williams of Elba.

He is a 2006 graduate of Elba High School and is currently employed by Global SantaFe offshore.

The wedding will be at 1:00 p.m. on September 15, 2007 at Ino Baptist Church. No local invitations will be sent, but all friends and family are invited to attend.

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Stephens-Stewart wedding planned for Saturday, October 27th

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stephens of Elba, Alabama announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Gayle to Joshua Mark Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Stewart of Elba, Alabama.

Ms. Stephens is the granddaughter of Mrs. Frances Jacobs and the late Mr. Richard Jacobs and the late Mr. and Mrs. Lewey Stephens, Jr. of Elba, Alabama.

She is a graduate of Elba High School and Troy University. She is currently employed with Enterprise City Schools.

Mr. Stewart is the grandson of Mrs. Winnie Stewart and the late Mr. Donald Stewart of Troy, Alabama and the late Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie B. Stewart of Elba, Alabama.

He is a graduate of Enterprise High School and Enterprise State Junior College and attended Auburn University. He is employed in Enterprise.

The wedding will be held October 27, 2007 at five o'clock in the evening at the Elba United Methodist Church. A reception will immediately follow at the Olde South Inn. All friends and family are invited to attend.



Miss Elizabeth Stephens & Mr. Joshua Mark Stewart

Carla Roberts graduates from Troy University in spring commencement

When Carla completed the first grade in the spring of 1992, Mrs. Pat English left a comment on her report card saying, "Carla's ability and interest in science is really outstanding. I will be interested in seeing what career she pursues when she grows up." Despite her illness, she could see the potential of her future.

On May 11th, 2007, Carla graduated Summa Cum Laude from Troy University, with a cumulative GPA of 3.89, and received her Bachelor's of Science in Biology. While attending Troy University, she was a member of a number of honor societies such as Phi Kappa Phi, Mortar Board, Alpha Epsilon Delta, Alpha Lambda Delta, and Tri-Beta. One of her greatest academic honors, however, was her acceptance into Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine Class of 2011. She will begin veterinary school this August.

Carla is the daughter of Jerry and Gloria Roberts, and the granddaughter of Thelma K. Williamson and the late Rob Williamson of Rutledge, AL.



(l to r): Grandmothers Wynene Dyess and Annette Bradshaw, the bride-elect Emily Bradshaw, mother Frieda Bradshaw, and mother of the groom Darlene Hataway. Not pictured, due to illness, Grandmother Betty Padgett

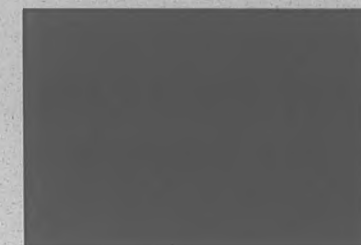
Miss Emily Bradshaw, honored with Sunday afternoon bridal tea

Emily Bradshaw, bride-elect of Michael Hataway, was honored with a bridal tea August 19, 2007 at the Olde South Inn in Elba, Alabama. Wedding bells on the front door welcomed the guests. The inn was beautifully decorated throughout with crystal candelabras. A refreshment

of a fresh fruit medley, strawberries, cheese straws, petit fours, miniature chicken salad sandwiches, and punch was served.

Hostesses for the event were Karen Battle, Lee Beasley, Garlene Brown, Jan Butts, Martha Davis, Kathy Dowling,

Sonya Dyess, Kathy Evans, Sue Ann German, Janet Hataway, Daffie Hendrick, Suzanne Henley, Lynn Hester, Sue Jernigan, Judy Salter, Pam Smith, Jean Spurlin, Dottie Strickland, and Elaine Williamson.



SAM L. COLEMAN

Army National Guard Sgt. Sam L. Coleman has been mobilized and activated for a future deployment to an undisclosed overseas location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq. Mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of Iraq.

Members from all branches of the U.S. military and multinational forces are also assisting in rebuilding Iraq's economic and governmental infrastructure, and training and preparing Iraqi military and security forces to assume full authority and responsibility in defending and preserving Iraq's sovereignty and independence as a democracy.

Coleman is a cavalry scout with 18 years of military service. His wife, Tracey, is the daughter of Annie P. Smith of Elba, Ala.



Callie Lakin Morris

Callie Lakin Morris selected finalist in Pre-Teen Alabama

Callie Lakin Morris, daughter of Danny and Terrie Morris of Enterprise has been selected as a finalist in the Pre-Teen Alabama Scholarship and Recognition Program to be held September 1, 2007 at the Sheriden Hotel in Birmingham, Ala.

Pre-Teen Alabama is a by invitation only Scholarship and Recognition even involving young ladies 7 to 12 years of age based on their school academic records, awards and honors won and/or their participation in outside activities. Additionally, young ladies are invited who have been recognized publicly for their outstanding personal achievements, volunteer service, school involvement, leadership abilities or creative talents.

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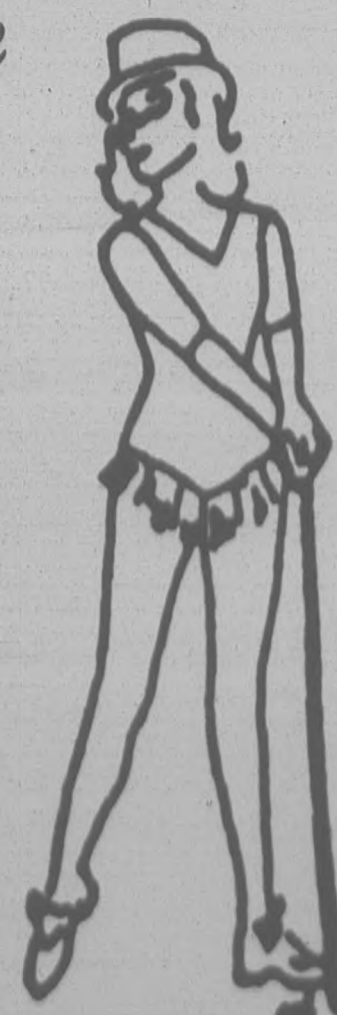
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AREA NEWS

Peanut Farmer Equity Purchase deadline extended

Tommy Paulk, President of Alabama Farmers Cooperative (AFC), announced this week that the September 1 deadline for accepting the buyout offer for AFC equity held directly by peanut farmers has been extended to November 1, 2007. The buyout offers were sent by mail to some 5000 individuals in late June, but many were returned undelivered due to obsolete addresses.

Any equity holder who has not received a buyout offer from AFC can notify the company at: AFC, Inc., Equity Offer, P.O. Box 2227, Decatur, AL 35609, and give the equity holder's name or names under which peanuts were sold to Anderson's Peanuts Division of AFC between the years of 1975 and 1998 with the current mailing address of same, and AFC will promptly send the offer.

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In just over two years, the Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA) has connected four million individuals who are uninsured or lack adequate healthcare coverage, including more than 90,000 in Alabama, to programs that provide prescription medicines for free or nearly free. The PPA - sponsored by America's pharmaceutical research companies - is the largest private-sector patient assistance effort helping low-income, uninsured and underinsured people obtain their medicines through more than 475 public and private patient assistance programs, including 130 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies. More than 2,500 brand-name and generic prescription medicines are available through the participating programs.

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Betty Peters

Peters speaks to Republican Women of Coffee County

State School Board Representative from District 2, Betty Peters, spoke to the Republican Women of Coffee County at their monthly meeting at PoFolks. Mrs. Peters explained the issue of "Double Dipping" in the two year college system and the effect it has on our schools. There was discussion about the lobbying efforts to defeat the effort to eliminate the practice of Legislators being paid by the schools and the State at the same time. There were many questions from the interested audience.

Applications being taken for Holidays in the South Bazaar

The Enlisted Spouses Organization and the Officer and Civilian Spouses Clubs are accepting applications' from vendors for their annual arts and crafts show "Holidays in the South Bazaar" to take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on November 17, Yancey Hall bldg. 6005 Andrews, Fort Rucker. No food items may be sold by vendors. For applications or information call Velma Bastin at (334) 774-4074 or Connie Wright at (334) 894-0545.

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During Coffee County Commission meeting

Commissioner Bernest Brooks proposes the establishment of a department of leisure services

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday, Aug. 13, Commissioner Bernest Brooks addressed an issue he said he feels is a serious problem facing the county.

Brooks said he feels the citizens of Coffee County, especially the senior citizens and youth, living in the rural parts of the county are left out in regards to recreation. Therefore, he proposed establishing a department of leisure services for Coffee County to better serve the people in the rural areas of the county. He also proposed asking local legislators to help locate funds to establish this program.

Brooks said a department of leisure services would offer diversified facilities, programs and events for the people.

Commissioner Brooks made a motion to establish a department of leisure services in Coffee County and to place a line item in the county's budget for it.

Commissioner Robert Stephens said he would second the motion to bring it to discussion.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook said the county's

senior centers offer a lot of programs for the seniors. She wondered what other programs Brooks was suggesting.

Brooks responded by saying there needs to be more programs for the youth. For some living in the rural areas, he said it is hard to be involved in the recreational programs of the local municipalities.

Commissioner Stephens said he feels there are areas in the county that need something for the youth; however, he also noted that some areas in his district are well served by the schools.

Stephens said he believes the issue needs further study before any action is taken.

"I think it's worthwhile," Stephens said. "But only some areas are in need of it."

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple wondered what kind of budget the county would need to develop for a department of leisure services.

Brooks said a strategic plan would need to be developed. He said he could not, at this point, say how much funding would be needed. He said that is something that needs to be worked out through committee.

Stephens said the issue is something that needs a lot of planning and thought before the county does anything. He added that he is not for any tax whatsoever.

Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to table the issue

until the county goes through the budget hearings. This motion passed.

In other business, Commissioners heard a request from Max Roberts on behalf of LAVA (Lower Alabama Veterans Alliance). He asked commissioners to consider adopting the Veterans Affairs Veterans preference guidelines for county jobs for veterans. No action was taken during the meeting on this matter.

Commissioners approved landfill credit applications for Rebel Station and Townsend Building Supply.

Commissioners approved a committee to work on creating rules and regulations for the use of the senior citizen centers for "other" activities.

Commissioners re-appointed Robert Hooks and Gloria T. Webb to the E911 board, and appointed Glen Gatlin to the county at-large position on the E911 board.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook said District 1 is up for a walking trail. She received approval to apply for the walking trail through the regional planning commission.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, Aug. 27, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

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BUS SAFETY

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Bus 4, but they remember that the color for their bus is purple," said DeVane. "This is simply to make it easier for the kids to get on the right bus each and every day."

DeVane added that school bus rules have been provided to all students and will be enforced. One example of a school bus rule is the driver has the right to assign seats.

"These rules are for their safety," said DeVane. "We want them to be with their friends and have a great bus ride to and from school, but safety is a first priority."

DeVane also said each driver performs a daily inspection of the buses before and after going on a route. He added that drivers must be recertified each year in a 4-hour class sponsored by the State Department of Education.

"We also practice bus evacuation drills twice each year in order to prepare for various situations such as how to unload the bus in the event of a wreck, fire or the bus stalling on railroad tracks," said DeVane.

He also stressed to parents that bus drivers will not rush to get students home simply because the school system want the students to arrive home safely.

"We would much rather take a long route home to ensure safety than take a shortcut and something happen to the kids," said DeVane. "We are looking forward to another safe year at Elba City Schools."



Wesley DeVane, transportation supervisor for Elba City Schools, checks the safety equipment on one of the buses used each school day to deliver students to and from school. DeVane said the school system places "safety first" when it comes to the students. As transportation supervisor, he works to make sure every measure is taken on the school's behalf to keep the students safe. Motorists also are urged to take every precaution to travel safely when around the school buses and to obey all traffic laws.

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trucks and equipment, but the proposed act would supply additional funds for equipment, training and insurance.

McCullough said the act must be voted on by the electors of Coffee County, and therefore, his presence at the Commission meeting was to ask for commissioners support in getting this issue to the voters. He said he will present the proposed act to legislators and ask them to work to get the issue on a ballot to allow the people to vote and decide.

Later in the meeting, Commissioner J.L. Weeks made a motion with a second from Commissioner Linda Westbrook to support the proposed Emergency Service Act being placed on a ballot to go before the voters of Coffee County.

Commissioner Robert Stephens said he could not support the motion if the Commission is not sure it supports the proposed act itself.

The motion failed by a 3-4 vote. Voting in favor were commissioners Weeks, Westbrook and Bernest Brooks. The opposing votes came from commissioners Stephens, Tom Grimsley, Jim Thompson and Doug Dalrymple.

After the meeting, McCullough said the vote of the commission will not prevent him from asking local legislators to get the proposed act on a ballot for vote. He said he was only asked for the commission's support in getting it on a ballot. Now, he said he'll just take a different approach and continue to move forward with the issue.

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County commissioners revisit discussion on proposed EMS act

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular bimonthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission held Monday, Aug. 27, commissioners, for the second meeting in a row, found a proposed Emergency Services Act to be a high-discussed topic.

Elaine Roberts, a Coffee County citizen and Coffee County Red Cross Disaster Director of Operations, was first to address commissioners regarding the matter. She encouraged commissioners to reconsider their vote from the previous commission meeting when a motion failed to pass showing the Coffee County Commission's support for allowing the voters to decide the fate of the proposed act.

Roberts said she believes the issue is something that should be put "in the laps of the Coffee County voters" to decide for themselves. She said it is her opinion that the proposed act is not a political decision but rather a preparedness decision.

Tim Driscoll, fire chief of the Tri-Communities Volunteer Fire Department, was next to address commissioners regarding the proposed EMS act. During his years with the department, he said he has seen incident responses increase for many different reasons.

"What we are asking you to do today is let the people of Coffee County vote on it (EMS)

During Coffee County BOE meeting

Superintendent reports good start to 2007-08 school year

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday morning, Aug. 23, for a special meeting of the board, and Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram reported a good start to the new school year.

Dr. Ingram said the new school year is seemingly off to a good start with exception of the extreme heat the area has been experiencing lately. She added, however, that the schools have been taking "hot weather precautions" for such activities as physical education, band, football, etc.

Dr. Ingram said as of Thursday the 12th day of the 2007-08 school year, enrollment for the Coffee County Schools was up by 35 students as compared to the 12th day of last school year. She also offered an individual enrollment report for each school.

According to Dr. Ingram, the 12th day of the new school year had 528 students at Kinston Schools (up 27 students from the same day last year); 385 students at New Brockton Elementary School (up five students from the same day last year); 394 students at New Brockton High School (up 11 students from the same day last year); and 759 students at Zion Chapel Schools (down seven students from the same day last year).

Board members voted to approve a few more personnel hires for the new school year.

"I hope this will finish us up," said Dr. Ingram in regards to filling the personnel vacancies for the new school year.

Employments recommended by the superintendent and approved by the board included:

• Employ Daphne Coppage as a physical education teacher at Zion Chapel School

act)," said Driscoll. "Let them decide."

Driscoll said the county's fire departments need the additional funding the proposed EMS act would generate to continue to operate. Without additional funding, he said fire departments in the county will possibly have to start cutting back on some of the services they currently provide.

"Our costs are raising dramatically," said Driscoll. "We can't keep up with the growth the way we are going right now."

A member of the audience said he had spoken with Rep. Terry Spicer and Spicer indicated it is possible to get the proposed act on a ballot without the Coffee County Commission's support; however, he said Spicer also said it would be much easier with the commission's support.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple addressed several issues of the proposed act when he suggested would be problematic the way the act is currently written.

"I can not see why we can't give this to the people to vote on the issue," said Commissioner Bernest Brooks.

He, in turn, made a motion to bring the issue back to the table to vote on again. The motion from the previous meeting was to show the Coffee County Commission's support for sending the proposed EMS act to

legislators asking them to place it on a ballot for voters to decide.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook offered a second to Brooks' motion to bring it to discussion.

Commissioner Robert Stephens said commissioners were given a copy of the proposed act (for the first time) at the last meeting. He said he believes it is important to present a bill to voters that is not confusing.

"If there is going to be a tax, I certainly think the people should vote on it," said Stephens.

He said the commission is representing everyone in the county, and it is the commission's responsibility to make sure the act is written in an understandable manner before it is placed before the voters.

Commissioner Westbrook said after the previous meeting, she requested some information from Houston County regarding their EMS act, and their EMS act, and

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HERO OF THE DAY... Cecilio Caballero, playing soccer with "Real Espana", scored four goals Sunday afternoon to lead his team in their friendly battle with team "America". The weekly games are played in Miller Memorial Stadium every Sunday afternoon and rules are enforced by qualified soccer officials. Admission is free. (See more soccer game pictures on page 13)

Area Happenings

THE NEW BROCKTON GOLF COURSE begins Friday, Aug. 31, with all course tees in action. The Elba Tigers will host the Bentley Bulldogs, the New Brockton Golfers will host the Zion Chapel Rebels and the Kinston Bulldogs will host the Geneva County Kickoff for all games in 7 p.m.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICIALS will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. There will be standby crews for any emergency with electric, water, sewer or street. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2452. The police picture schedule will be unchanged.

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will hold the first public hearing to review the proposed budget for the 2007-08 school year. The hearing will be held at 7 p.m. at the Board of Education Administrative Office, 400 Simmons St., Elba, Ala. The second public hearing will be held on Thursday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. at the Board of Education Administrative Office in Elba. A third public hearing will follow on Thursday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. at the Board of Education Administrative Office in Elba. All interested parties are invited to attend and provide input to the budget. Budget forms will be available at the administrative office prior to the hearing.

THE 11TH ANNUAL ELBA DAY FESTIVAL will be held on Friday, Sept. 14, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Green Memorial Park, 1100 N. Main St., Elba, Ala. There will be a parade, live music, food, and much more. The festival is free and open to all. For more information, call 897-2452 or visit the Elba Clipper website at www.elbaclipper.com.

By Alabama Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities Bedsole named Executive Director of the Year



Pam Bedsole

Pam Bedsole, executive director of The Elba Housing Authority, has been named as Executive Director of the Year by The Alabama Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities.

Bedsole received this award at a recent convention held in Destin, Fla. She was presented a plaque by Rick Herbert, chairman of awards committee and executive director of The Tuscaloosa Housing Authority.

Bedsole has served as director of The Elba Housing Authority since 1984. She is also the director of The New Brockton Housing Authority, a position she has held since 1995.

Bedsole is very active within AAHRA. She has served as secretary for a number of years, as well as being on the Site Selection and Scholarship Committees. She is a past member of the Board of Directors and secretary for APHADA (Alabama Public Housing Authorities Directors Association).

Pam and her husband, Randy, reside in Elba and they have two children, Dr. Russell Bedsole of Cincinnati, Ohio and Gina Smith and husband Matt of Roswell, Ga.

Elba City Council awards bids for "major" work at airport

by Fern Cox, Publisher

Monday night the Elba City Council officially awarded bids for major work on the Carl

Folsom Airport. Bullard Excavating, Inc. was awarded bids totaling \$1,081,957.80 for clearing and establishing permanent erosion control plus complete reconstruction of the runway and taxiway.

TCA Electrical Contractors submitted the low bid of \$132,875.00 for new lighting installation at the facility and was awarded that portion of the contract.

Mayor James Grimes said Monday evening that work is expected to begin on October 1st. The airport will be closed for at least 120 days while this major reconstruction is underway.

Garver Engineers of Huntsville is the engineering firm on this project.

Grimes also presented council members with a revised resolution. Wording in a Pitts Enterprises (Dorsey Trailers) resolution on tax abatement passed several weeks ago was changed at the request of state officials.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported that the clean up program in the trailer park near the airport was progressing. He also noted that work was continuing on clean up across from Dorsey Trailers.

The mayor notified council members that they are required to complete two on-line courses offered by FEMA to ensure Elba and Coffee County remain eligible for federal disaster assistance. He offered access to city computers for this training if any council member needed such access.

Grimes also informed council members that the long fought battle with FEMA to get clearance for U. S. 84 through the Riverview area involved in the flood buyouts has added another chapter. He explained that several weeks ago he got word, verbally, that FEMA had finally given

NEWS BRIEF

The Coffee County Commission approved a request Monday, Aug. 27, during the regular monthly meeting to switch communication for the Coffee County Sheriff's Department to the Elba Police Department.

Shirley Davis Sutton said the department's communication have been with the Elba Police Dept. for several years, but Enterprise is overwhelmed with its own department's communication. He said he has spoken with City of Elba officials, and they agreed to ensure the handling of communication for the county as of Oct. 1st. This will be done through dispatching at the Elba Police Department.

Sutton said he believes the change will improve the county's response time to incidents. He said the region and police chiefs in both Elba and Enterprise fully support the change.

The county will pay Elba the same fee for handling the communications as it currently pays Enterprise.

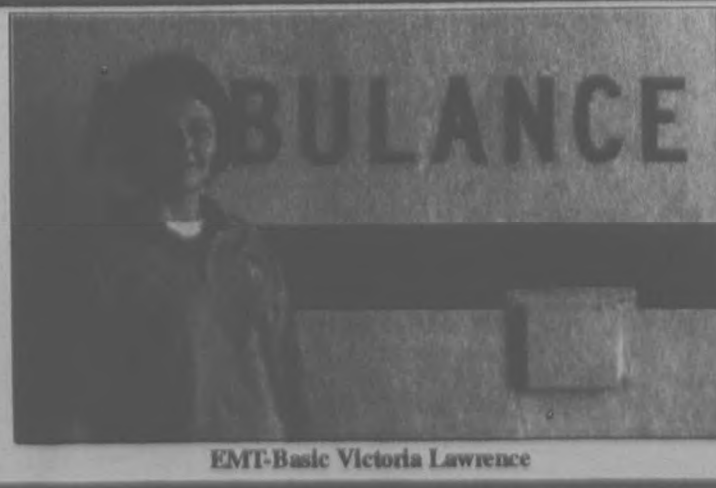
Victoria Lawrence joined the Coffee County EMS team nine months ago. She serves as an EMT-Base.

Lawrence's training includes NREMT-B, CPR, AED, EVOC, and Mass Casualty Incident.

When asked what she enjoys most about her job she said, "helping people."

Lawrence said her hobbies include reading, watching movies, swimming and sleeping.

Victoria's family includes her mom, dad and little sister.



EMT-Base Victoria Lawrence